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SUBJECT: LITHUANIA SUPPORTS INCREASED VISIBILITY OVER PRT
CIVILIAN EFFORTS

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Classified By: Political/Economic Officer Alexander Titolo for reasons
1.4 (b) & (d)

1. (C) We delivered reftel points regarding the U.S. proposal to increase visibility over the civilian element of ISAF's Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) on May 6 to Gediminas Varvuolis, Head of the MFA's NATO Division, Alvydas Kunigelis, Acting Director of the MOD's Department of International Relations, and LTC Gintautas Zinkevicius, Commander of the Lithuanian-led PRT being deployed to Chaghcharan, Afghanistan. Varvuolis commented that one of the first things that he and other GOL officials noticed when they began planning their PRT mission is the dearth of information available on civilian operations in ISAF. He said that he will be in touch with GOL representatives at NATO who are taking part in the Periodic Mission Review, and stated that the GOL "will very much support this proposal."

2. (C) Kunigelis and Zinkevicius at the MOD were equally supportive. Zinkevicius was enthusiastic about establishing a repository for regular reporting and assessment of civilian activities in PRTs. Zinkevicius pointed out that this could complement the online donor assistance database that the Government of Afghanistan has established to track aid flows into the country.
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